

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1507 - HB 1412

March 19, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Tennessee to develop a methodology for determining the annual amount of ground water withdrawals for agriculture purposes in the state. On or before September 1 of each year, beginning September 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation stating the amount of ground water and surface water withdrawn for agricultural purposes in the preceding year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes an increase in state expenditures to establish the program to collect and analyze data necessary to establish the methodology and to determine the amount of ground water withdrawals each year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director